

The Governor's 2005 Volunteer Service Awards

On April 18, 2005, Governor Christine Gregoire recognized 47 outstanding volunteers from across Washington State in a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion. The ceremony was organized by the Washington Commission for National and Community Service and sponsored by Wells Fargo. WCNCS Chair and Kitsap County Treasurer Barbara Stephenson opened the event and introduced guest speaker Bob Goodwin, CEO of the Points of Light Foundation, who gave a heartfelt speech about service and volunteerism. Governor Gregoire then spoke about her experiences with volunteering and praised those who work so hard to give back to the community. Finally Governor Gregoire was joined by WCNCS Executive Director Bill Basl to present the awards to the volunteers. In all more than 100 volunteers, friends, and family attended this inspiring event.



From Left: WCNCS Executive Director Bill Basl, WCNCS Chair Barbara Stephenson, WCNCS Commissioner and Wells Fargo representative Mary Bass, Governor Christine Gregoire, and Points of Light Foundation CEO Bob Goodwin.

Governor's Volunteer Service Award Recipients

Catherine Bamer - Hoquiam

Catherine Bamer is 87 years young and continues to be an active Senior Companion volunteer with the Grays Harbor/Pacific/Thurston Senior Companion Program sponsored by the YMCA of Grays Harbor. She joined the program in March 1991 and for the past 14 years has provided one-to-one caregiving support to 47 ill/handicapped adults living in Pacific County with over 14,616 hours of service. Her dedication and care can be summed up best by her, "It keeps me active and I really enjoy them and care about them. I do it because I like to."

John Bloom - Everett

John is new to volunteering, but has shown extraordinary commitment and enthusiasm since he started last October. He spends 2 hours a week tutoring three students in our Washington Reading Corps program here at Garfield Elementary. John has also started volunteering in the afternoon math program, as well as helping at the Chili Bowl literacy event and our Imaging Math/Science event. His friendly and confident manner and desire to make a difference makes it a pleasure to have him as a part of our program.

Anna & Bill Bowron - Mt. Vernon

Anna & Bill Bowron have been volunteer members of the Mount Vernon Police Department for over twelve years, and have logged over 3,160 hours working our Vacation Home Check and Abandoned Vehicle Programs. These services alone are worth over \$78,000 to the city. However, it's not just about services gained or dollars saved. Anna and Bill exemplify dedication and high standards. They are recognized leaders, responsible for training new team members, and are always willing to help when last minute coverage is needed at the Department. Anna and Bill are the kind of volunteers any organization would love to have. We are proud and fortunate to have Anna and Bill as members of the Police Department's RSVP volunteer team.

**Joanne Canillo-Lee - Vancouver**

Joanne is a supportive, engaged member of the Board of Directors of the Human Services Council. Her consistent support of the Volunteer Center over the last decade has been key to capacity building work with the corporate community, in fundraising, and in developing standards of excellence for Volunteer Center and agency programs. Joanne models what she advocates: she's an active volunteer in our agency's strategic planning effort; and she has served as chair of our annual community fundraiser for the last four years.

Maurine Coon - Longview

For over 12 years, Maurine has been one of the most active volunteers in RSVP. She has performed over 8,477 hours of service as an advocate for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Council on Aging, Lower Columbia Organization on Disability, Disability Resources, and DSHS Child & Family Services. She also performed more than 500 hours of environment clean-up.

Richard Coon - Longview

Richard has been an RSVP volunteer since 1993. With over 5,762 hours, Richard has been active in RSVP in a variety of jobs. He assisted with the Blind and Visually Impaired, CAP Senior Nutrition Program, Cowlitz/Wahkiakum County Council on Aging, TRIAD, DSHS Child & Family Services, RSVP environment clean-up, and other activities. Richard drove clients to medical appointments as a volunteer and Medicaid driver. He performed a variety of services for seniors to support senior independent living.

Dick Douglas - Yakima

Dick has been a dedicated volunteer for many, many years. In the last 3 years Dick's dedication has taken the form for working tirelessly on the Block Watch project. As of the fall of 2004, Dick has led and instructed 39 captains, 14 co-captains, and promoting 3 captains to

assistant coordinators. Dick is never "off duty," he is always on call. He works tirelessly to help make our communities safe. There are too many activities Dick does to list.

Sabrina Edwards - Marysville

Sabrina is enthusiastic in her support of literacy in children. She has organized five of the Snohomish County Starbucks stores in volunteer efforts for literacy in our school. She has worked with store managers to recruit volunteers to serve on their own time helping our children become proficient readers. She schedules the volunteers to read a total of four hours a week. She has organized support for our evening family literacy events and recruited volunteers to serve coffee, hot chocolate, desserts, and to teach families literacy games. She even managed to convince her boyfriend to dress up as a clown at our Literacy Carnival. We are honored to be in partnership with her.

Melisa Elliott - Chehalis

Melisa has been a driver with our Medical Transportation program since September 2000. She is willing to take folks to medical appointments whether it will take one hour or seven to complete the trip. She has a friendly, compassionate nature that puts her clients at ease. Because she is available to help whenever she is called, more low-income residents in rural Lewis County are able to get to their medical treatment appointments or for a visit with their doctor.



Cesar Filomeno - Bremerton

Cesar has been a Foster Grandparent for the past 12 years. He serves autistic clients at the Frances Haddon Morgan Center (FHMC) in Bremerton. When Cesar began his volunteer work at the FHMC, his clients were teenagers who presented an assortment of problems associated with autism. Now, as adults, his clients have grown in size and present more of a challenge to staff and volunteers working with them. He communicates well with his clients and keeps them involved in positive and meaningful activities throughout the day.

Jillian Goodreau - Seattle

Jillian serves her community as a Team Leader for Young Heroes— City Year's Saturday service-learning program for middle school students. She is a freshman at Ballard High School this year and served as a Young Hero for the past two years. As a Team Leader, Jillian provides consistency to the program and draws on her experiences to lead and mentor younger students. She relates to people easily and leads her team with great patience and energy. She listens to the Young Heroes and helps them



listen to each other because she understands deeply the importance of breaking down barriers and building connections among the diverse participants.

Juanita Grant - Seattle

Juanita has volunteered her services as a MLK VISTA site selection committee member for the past two years. She has a wealth of knowledge about the Greater Seattle and King County areas. She has worked in human services for a number of years. Her experience and wealth of knowledge provide the needed insight for our sight selection committee. She has a passion for giving back as well as seeing her communities prosper. She is invaluable.

Kay Green - Longview

Kay has been an active RSVP volunteer for over 10 years. She provides hundreds of volunteer hours coordinating food drives for CAP and other activities. She also is actively serving with FISH (a local faith-based, all volunteer emergency assistance program) as a site coordinator and has volunteered for a variety of duties. Each year, hundreds of area students in need receive free school clothing and supplies from the Clothing Connection, a project Kay has managed for nine years.

Ted Griffin - Seattle

Ted has been an outstanding youth volunteer for six summers with the MountainWorks Program, run through a EarthCorps and Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust partnership. His volunteer hours improved trail systems and removed logging roads at locations along the I-90 Greenway. In addition to the strenuous miles of trail building, he has also shared so much of himself with the other diverse youth and EarthCorps staff that he meets each summer and has developed gracefully into an effective leader. We rely on his knowledge of trail building to guide the less experienced youth towards a successful week of camping and service learning.



Iris Guadalupe - Federal Way

Iris, a Spanish-speaking high school student began tutoring at Mark Twain Elementary School in order to complete a class assignment. Now, four months later, Iris continues to volunteer because of the relationship she has built with her students. When Iris began tutoring Aylin, a first grade student that spoke no English, she was shy, and did not speak in class. Because Iris was able to communicate with her in Spanish and show her kindness and compassion, Aylin has now blossomed as a student and participates fully in class. At Iris' Spanish class, she shared how wonderful it was to volunteer. Now the entire class agreed to volunteer because of Iris' testimony.

Aubrey Hemming - Clarkston

Aubrey has given over 2,000 hours of volunteer service since 1998. Mr. Hemming has delivered medical equipment to the needy, worked at the food bank, Salvation Army, and the animal shelter. But those hours do not reflect the thousands of additional hours Aubrey has spent making "pocket crosses" with his wife Barbara as a way to remember their daughter,

Chris, who they lost in 1997. She started this family's tradition and the inspirational poem that accompanies each one. Both Aubrey and Barbara Hemming are active in the local Project WarmUp, which donates 1,000 hand-made hats, mittens and blankets to needy families every winter.

Margaret Ann Howell - Yakima

Margaret has been an RSVP volunteer for 8 years, but that is only the tip of the iceberg of her volunteer years. "Commitment does not come much deeper than that made by Memorial's volunteer, Margaret Howell." She began her career of service to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital in January 1983, following 17 years as an employee. Over the past 21 1/2 years Margaret has filled a number of different positions. She has accumulated 4,311 hours of service; each hour served with professionalism and a ready smile. Margaret sets the pace for the rest of the volunteers. At 92 years of age, she is capable of keeping up with many that are half that age!"



Terry Johnson - Spokane

Terry Johnson, Store Manager at Home Depot's Northpointe store in Spokane, was chosen by the Spokane Service Team (SST) as outstanding volunteer. Already this year, Home Depot volunteers have generously contributed over 100 hours toward two new homes for people with special needs and the renovation of two vacant houses for low-income families. Terry not only has volunteered on SST projects, but he has committed his "Team Depot" associates and himself to serve alongside SST AmeriCorps members each quarter for the remainder of the year. We are fortunate to have Home Depot as a partner and we are equally fortunate to have Terry Johnson as a friend and supporter of the Spokane Service Team and AmeriCorps to "Get things Done."

Kathy Kaminski - Seattle

Kathy served with JustServe AmeriCorps at Seattle Police Department's Community Outreach Unit in 2003-2004, and now works at Seattle Neighborhood Group as the Southwest Drug Free Communities Program Coordinator. She brings unique expertise in community crime prevention to JustServe AmeriCorps as an active volunteer on JustServe's Community Advisory Board. She has also served this year as a member of JustServe's Site Selection Committee, helping the program identify the most critical public safety placements for AmeriCorps members throughout Seattle/King County. Her commitment to developing the most meaningful, effective public safety placements for national service volunteers has helped make our program a success.

Robert Chris Keogh - Bremerton

Chris has volunteered with KCR/AmeriCorps an average of 500 plus hours per year over the past six years in the following capacities: assisting in planning and operation of eleven service projects; wired three separate buildings for telephone, cable and electrical connections including setting up complex phone systems; became certified as an American Red Cross CPR/First Aid instructor and has taught ten classes for the Kitsap County Red Cross; volunteered and became certified as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainer for Kitsap County and taught classes for local governmental agencies and county residents. Chris' positive attitude, willingness to help in any capacity, and his dependability are the key reasons he is nominated.

Jan Kinsella - Spokane

The Ready*Corps VISTA team assigned to five middle schools in Spokane Public Schools has begun Safety Clubs for students with the American Red Cross to educate students about emergency preparedness. One volunteer, Jan Kinsella has selflessly dedicated nearly 12 years to the local chapter of the Red Cross as a Communication Specialist with the Disaster Services Human Resource Team. Jan Kinsella has volunteered her time with students to explain the role of Red Cross in disaster relief. When not deployed to work on a National Disaster Operation, Jan can be found at the Inland N.W. Chapter on a daily basis - willing to meet the needs of Eastern Washington, including our youngest citizens!

Mickey Kraut - Seattle

The citizen's of King County could not pay Mickey Kraut for all the work she does in this area of the county. She not only volunteers at the Burien Precinct of the King County Sheriff's Office, she is also very active in her neighborhood and on the local White Center Chamber of Commerce. She works hundreds of hours for the Precinct keeping track of the false Residential and Commercial Burglar alarms. She also researches, collates, organizes and mails out notifications to businesses and individuals with alarm problems. At the Chamber of Commerce she volunteers her time for numerous events in the neighborhood.

Bryan Le - Seattle

Bryan Le is a dedicated volunteer of United Way of King County's Service Learning Youth (SLY) program. For the past year, he has worked to coordinate numerous service learning projects and a successful mini-grant program at his school. Not only is Bryan involved in countless activities at school, he has also volunteered to speak at community events about his service experience and serves the Burien Youth Council. Bryan is a standout in our program and is a true inspiration to his peers. We truly believe that the SLY program has been a success because of remarkable volunteers like Bryan Le.

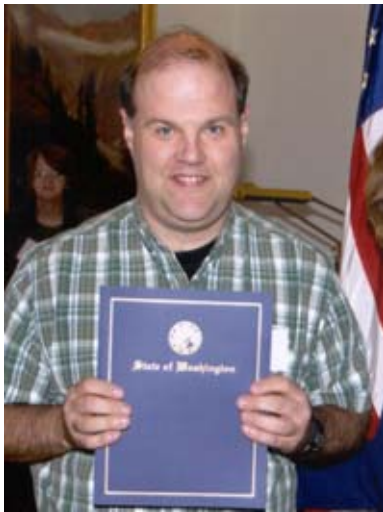
Marion Locklear - Everett

In the past 8 years, Marion has volunteered through RSVP at a variety of jobs. With the Boeing Bluebills Retirees Group, Marion has helped in the office and also as a mover/driver for the organization. He was a reading tutor at a local Everett elementary school. Last year, Marion was a panelist at a local high school to listen to and critique Senior Projects. Marion has signed up to participate again this spring. Currently, Marion spends his time volunteering

for the Everett Police Department in activities including office work, Vacation House Checks, School Patrol, Radar Checks and Stolen Vehicle Patrol. Because of Marion's dedication to volunteerism, the Everett community is stronger and safer.

Jack Love - Walla Walla

Jack has been involved with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for over two years, and has been a strong leader. As a team leader of over 30 CERT members, he helps with monthly meetings and acts as an evaluator of emergency drills and training. Over the last several years during county flooding in Walla Walla and Dayton, Jack helped with sandbagging efforts and does flood surveillance annually. He was also sent to Florida to help with clean-up efforts and other needed tasks. Jack attends Red Cross training so that he may be utilized when they need help and has helped out in the EOC. He has always come to task when called upon.



Larry Marko - Longview

Larry Marko was recruited by members of the 2003-04 Cowlitz AmeriCorps Network team, and began his service to the community on Make a Difference Day, October 2003. Since then, Larry participated on our service projects, working tirelessly and enthusiastically. As valuable as his service is, we believe that Larry has even greater potential as a proponent of the merits of volunteerism to an underutilized group--the disabled. Larry is developmentally delayed. For Larry, and others with disabilities, the common denominator is too often that they are the beneficiaries of service rather than seeing themselves as integral to solving pressing community needs. Larry has begun to experience the benefits of service, especially the acknowledgement of his fellow volunteers, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the confidence that comes

from taking on a new challenge. He recently joined the workforce, and is employed at our local Office Max. It will take time, but Larry is setting the standard for others with disabilities to accept and revel in the volunteer role.

JoAnn Patton - Aberdeen

JoAnn Patton is a Volunteer Long Term Care Ombudsman in Grays Harbor and Pacific County. She is committed to quality of life issues, safety, and resident's rights in LTC facilities in both counties. JoAnn always responds immediately to complaints, in a timely manner, as the issues are important to the resident and to the families of residents.

Katherine Pellman - Bremerton

Katherine Pellman is a part of RSVP of Kitsap County. During the time she traveled around the world with her husband and children she always found a way to contribute to her current community. Kathie celebrated her 90th birthday in February 2005. She had toyed with the idea of retiring from volunteering at age 90. Her birthday has passed and Kathie has decided to stay for now. For 9 years Kathie has filed the time sheets and other forms in RSVP

volunteer files. This is a tedious undertaking however she has chosen to do it. She also commits time to Harrison Hospital and Tracyton Library. She sets the gold standard for other volunteers who will follow her path.

Linda Phillips - Tacoma

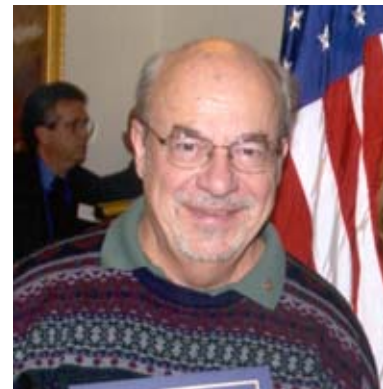
Linda Phillips is one of our star volunteers. Not only does she take the lead in a lot of RSVP activities, but she also does a lot to help in our community. Linda serves as the editor of our quarterly newsletter, the 'Senior Scene', as well as on our Advisory Council. When she is not busy with us she is working at the Puyallup Senior Center teaching classes in writing and art to other seniors. Linda serves our community with an enthusiasm and joy that is unmatched. We are so lucky to have her on our volunteer staff.

Lee Porterfield - Port Angeles

Mr. Porterfield has volunteered with RSVP and Port Angeles Senior Center for over 10 years. He trains and schedules volunteers staffing the Reception Desk and is responsible for mailing approximately 1,200 newsletters to members each month. As a docent with the Clallam County Historical Society Museum, he conducts tours of exhibits in the renovated historical Carnegie Library, also serving on the Board of Directors. He volunteers with the Port Angeles Police Department, assisting in the Records and Prosecuting Attorney's offices, and traffic control at public events; Qwest TelecomPioneers, raising funds to purchase books from discount publishers, and distributing them to local schools for students with difficulties in learning to read.

Ralph Quaas - Everett

When I think of "Service" to Snohomish County, Ralph Quaas is one of the first people to come to mind. Not only because of his work with the Volunteer Center and United Way of Snohomish County, but because of his volunteer work throughout the community. There are few volunteer events that I have attended that Ralph wasn't present and encouraging others to get involved. Be it a Rotary event, a neighborhood project, a board meeting for a local non-profit or a youth summit you can count on Ralph to be there.



Lila Raab - Spangle

Lila volunteers as a Washington Reading Corps (WRC) reading tutor and has been an excellent volunteer for several years. She always goes above and beyond her duties to provide excellent tutoring for the children (K-5). Her suggestions have helped us improve our program these past two years. She is an exemplar to all reading tutors. When she is with her tutees, she is calm, yet not boring, and professional yet humorous, focused yet flexible. Her demeanor is always perfect for each child. The children at this school have flourished under her tutelage. She takes her duties seriously, and has never let WRC or her tutees down. There aren't enough superlatives to use when describing Lila Raab. She simply is an astounding woman and outstanding tutor – bar none.

Jack Reynolds - Olympia

Jack "Grandpa Jack" Reynolds has been helping kids learn more from school for nearly 18 years. He's spent 17 of those years at Centennial Elementary in Olympia where he often arrives before the children come to school and leaves after the last bus is long gone. He has his own desk in the classroom of third-grade teacher Linda Cohee. Ms. Cohee says all the students at the school know 78-year-old Grandpa Jack, in part because he's the school's Jack of All Trades, grading papers, shelving library books, listening to students as they read, helping teachers set up for class. When asked to explain how he spends the more than 1,000 hours a year he volunteers at the school Reynolds says "I do what I'm told - if I feel like doing it." Reynolds has been an RSVP member since 1987 and has spent more than 10,680 hours in volunteer service since he joined. According to Reynolds it's "the best job in the world."

**Amy Schultz - Pasco**

Amy Schultz is an AmeriCorps Alumnus that has grown from serving elderly clients during her year of service, into the leader of a program and newly, the founder of a community center. Amy is enthusiastically involved in the community and her church serving as Director of the Richland Church of the Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Program where she recruits, trains, places volunteers; organizes support services for families in need (monetary, food, clothing, transportation, pastoral counseling). As an AmeriCorps Graduate Class of 1998 and Alumni Association member, Amy inspires others to serve, inspires others to be great, and inspires others to believe in the beauty of people.

Kurt Shubert - Everett

Kurt has volunteered with the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force for several years now. The Task Force is a non-profit that would not survive without volunteers like Kurt. He has volunteered, alongside Washington Conservation Corps members, at several planting and invasive species removal projects since 2003. More importantly, Kurt has multiplied his efforts by recruiting teen groups from the YMCA, his family and friends, and members of his church to join him in his volunteerism. Kurt coordinates activities for a church-based environmental group called the Estuary Angels-focusing on environmental stewardship and awareness projects in Snohomish County and with the City of Everett.

Gary Smith - Edmonds

Gary has volunteered as a Native Plant Steward since 2000. Much of his volunteerism has been alongside Washington Conservation Corps Crews and Individual Placements working with the Snohomish County Surface Water Management Department. Gary is highly knowledgeable and is always willing to answer questions posed by less experienced volunteers. Gary has played an integral part in every step of the habitat restoration process, which includes: planting native species, salvaging plants, monitoring restoration sites, maintaining the native plant nursery, and assisting with educational programs and field trips for all age groups.

Robert (Bob) Stewart - Richland

The Benton-Franklin Volunteer Center RSVP is proud to honor Board Member, Robert (Bob) K. Stewart. Bob joined the 2002 Board of Directors after retiring from 22 years with the U.S. Department of Energy. While active in various volunteer activities in the community, he willingly served as President of the Volunteer Center's Board of Directors in 2003. Bob's initial goal was to increase membership and reactivate the committee structure of the Board of Directors. Then he led the difficult job of restructuring the organization. He has been a "rock", a patient listening ear, and a solid thoughtful advisor, modeled quality Boardsmanship. Too often, volunteer Board Members are overlooked as they quietly work in the background to help our nonprofit agencies do amazing things. Today, I shout a sincere "Thank You, Bob!" for the way you have led this agency and helped prepare us for the future.

Mike Strickland - Vancouver

Mike is a volunteer pharmacist for the Free Clinic of SW Washington where he dispenses medications for the uninsured. However, he is not just any volunteer. Mike has been a member of our volunteer team for all 15 years we have been in operation and has donated countless hours to help provide healthcare to the uninsured. Pharmacist positions are the most difficult volunteer position for the Free Clinic to fill. Mike's consistent, longstanding commitment to the Free Clinic has been a huge help to the Free Clinic and the community.

Sam Sutherland - Sequim

Sam Sutherland tutors at the Boys & Girls Club in Sequim. He is so dedicated and the children look forward to the days when he is there! He goes above and beyond helping members make good choices in life and works with all ages of children on their homework. He is a true blessing and has the children's best interest at heart. He has anonymously donated financially to members who are in less fortunate situations so they could get shoes that fit them and clothes that don't have holes in them. Another contribution he provides is enhancing academic creativity by setting up essay contest for the kids. These are very popular and they pour their heart and soul into creating them. His selflessness and love is poured into all he does.

C.T. Thurston - Vancouver

Three years ago, CT Thurston began working with the RSVP as a volunteer Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor (SHIBA). While helping clients, he recognized that many couldn't pay for their prescriptions. As a result, CT played a key role in starting the Rx Assistance Program in Clark County in April 2003. This program would not be in place, if it weren't for C.T.'s initiative and perseverance. He currently volunteers more than 20 to 40 hours a week with the growing program; training new volunteers, research, assisting clients, coordinating with local clinics, and conducting online research to find programs that offer help to individuals who are unable to pay. In 2004, the Prescription Assistance Program projected client's savings at \$245,000.

Ron Tognazzini - Sequim

Our region is fortunate to have many dedicated and capable citizens and professionals committed to emergency and disaster planning, preparedness and response. However, Mr.

Tognazzini has distinguished himself in the eyes of many of these same citizens and professionals with his outstanding contributions of technical analyses regarding local TSUMANI hazard assessments and his in-depth researched and proposed mitigations. In addition to providing his analyses as reports for our North Olympic Peninsula Citizen Corps Council. He has made significant efforts to improve the preparedness of the North Olympic Peninsula and is an asset to all of us who live here.

Que Tran - Seattle

Que Tran served as a social worker in her country of origin, Vietnam. Since coming to America about 20 years ago, she has continued to meet human needs as a volunteer. Her volunteer positions have included helping refugees. She also has a personal interest in photography and studied landscape design. In her current volunteer position with Intergenerational Innovations, she uses her interest in art to help children in school. In the Intergenerational Dialogue Program Que teaches students paper folding, flower arrangement, and food carving. She has visited more than 8 different schools and served nearly 1,000 students during the past three years. One of her largest projects involved the creation of a 2,000-piece dragon boat with middle school students.



Donna Tweedie - University Place

Donna Tweedie is an invaluable and integral part of the University Place Food Bank. As a volunteer Donna assists her husband Jim with both food pick-ups and deliveries in addition to food bank maintenance. Donna has on numerous occasions taken on neglected tasks without hesitation so that the food bank might better serve the community of University Place. Her willingness to discard her own plans to assist the food bank on busy days is well known and has earned her the respect and appreciation of her fellow volunteers.

Jim Tweedie - University Place

There is no doubt that Jim Tweedie is deserving of recognition for his countless hours of volunteer work at the University Place Food Bank...the only question is if his selflessness will let him accept this thanks. Jim donates his time freely every week

towards making sure that the food bank is not only well stocked, but clean and organized. Jim oversees weekly early morning food pick-ups and deliveries as well as the management of perishable items. Without his hard work, the University Place Food Bank would be hard pressed to serve even a fraction of its current clients. In addition, Jim has volunteered for many seasons at the Mt. St. Helens Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center working with guests to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

John Von Kampen - Lacey

John has been tutoring struggling readers at Pleasant Glade Elementary since the inception of the Washington Reading Corps program seven years ago. He works diligently to support the goals and values of the program. He often arrives early, offering to work with students other than his designated tutee, and always stays late, taking time to discuss progress or challenges encountered during the tutoring session. John is not a Pleasant Glade parent, but rather is a Lacey resident seeking connection to his community. He is, without a doubt, someone we can count on here at Pleasant Glade, exemplifying consistency, commitment, and service. As the student he works with says, "Mr. John is good. He is great!"

Kirstin Wiederholt - Seattle

Kirstin has been an invaluable volunteer with Sound Youth for the past year. She began her involvement as a service-learning intern through U of W and quickly made herself indispensable. Kirstin has worked on a variety of projects ranging from outreach to reporting and evaluation to event planning. Her sincere dedication, energy and commitment have made a huge contribution to Sound Youth and the impact we can make!